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**Commonwealth of Virginia**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

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**Regulatory Coordinator:** Leon E App

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**Agency Name:** Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

**Chapters affected:**

<b>VAC No.</b> <i>(e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):</i>	<b>Chapter Name</b> <i>(e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):</i>
4 VAC 5-30-200	Virginia State Park Regulations - Section on Firearms

**Statutory Authority:** § 10.1-104 of the Code of Virginia

**Name of petitioner:** Matt Chancey

**Nature of petitioner's request:** The petitioner is requesting the Department of Conservation and Recreation to amend 4 VAC 5-30-200 to allow individuals to carry a holstered firearm openly.

(Note: The Department has already been directed by the Governor to initiate a separate regulatory action to amend 4 VAC 5-30-200 to allow the carrying of concealed handguns within state parks by holders of a valid Concealed Handgun Permit issued pursuant to § 18.2-308.)

**INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE**

**Agency's plan for disposition of the request:**

**NOTE:** All written comments submitted must reference the specific petition to which they are responding. This petition is the "Chancey Petition - A".

Written comments may be sent to the Regulatory Coordinator at: Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor Street, Suite 302, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Comments may be e-mailed to the Regulatory Coordinator at: regcord@dcr.state.va.us.

Comments may be faxed to the Regulatory Coordinator at: (804) 786-6141.

The agency shall issue a written decision to grant or deny the petitioner's request within ninety days (March 8, 2003) following the close of the comment period.

Comments may be submitted until December 9, 2002 at 5 p.m.

**AGENCY DECISION**

☐ **Request Granted**

☐ **Request Denied**

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**Statement of reasons for decision:**

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**Date Submitted:** October 16, 2002

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Signature of Authorized Officer:

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